

**REMARKS**

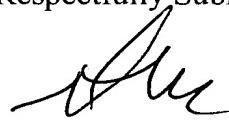
In response to the Office's restriction requirement, group I, comprising claims 1-24, is elected with traverse. Claims 25-36, comprising groups II-IV, have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration  
5 and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-24 are pending.

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